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INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON LIFE, DEATH AND PSYCHICAL RESEARCH

An International Symposium on Life, Death and Psychical Research will be held in Montreal from Friday, March 4 to Sunday, March 6, 1977, at the Sheraton Mt-Royal Hotel, 1455 Peel street. It is sponsored by The International Institute of Integral Human Sciences of Montreal and the Day Students Association of Concordia University.

The symposium will focus on the question of life after death from a variety of perspectives such as psychical research, medicine, psychology, sociology, and comparative religion. It will deal with theoretical questions and laboratory approaches as well as with the experiences of both gifted sensitives and ordinary people which are relevant to survival of death.

Among those in attendance will be:

-- Raymond Moody, a medical doctor from Atlanta, Ga. and author of the current best-seller Life After Life which is an examination of the experiences of people who have been declared clinically dead - or who have come very close to death - and have been revived. Startling similarities emerge from the accounts of such people.

-- Karlis Osis, formerly research director of the American Society for Psychical Research in New York, who has conducted a number of studies of the experiences of dying patients as reported by doctors and nurses. Such patients often report visions of deceased relatives, or of religious figures. Dr. Osis' most recent and extensive study found similarities between the experiences of patients in the U.S. and India.

-- William Roll, Director of the Psychical Research Foundation, Durham, N.C., and author of The Poltergeist. For a number of years, the Psychical Research Foundation has been largely concerned with investigations which might illuminate the possibility of life after death, including studies of out-of-body experiences.

-- Gina Cerminara of Los Angeles, known for her studies of the reincarnation theory, including the books Many Mansions, Many Lives, Many Loves, and Insights for the Age of Aquarius.

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-- Allen Spraggett, well-known broadcaster and investigator of the unexplained, and author of The Case for Immortality and co-author of Arthur Ford: The Man Who Talked With The Dead.

-- Morton Kelsey, of Notre Dame University, author of God, Dreams, and Revelation, Christianity and Healing, and The Christian and the Supernatural.

-- William V. Rauscher, former president of the Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship, and author of The Spiritual Frontier.

-- The Veilleux family, of Maine, several of whom have produced striking paranormal images on photographic film and voices on tape. Are such phenomena produced by so-called "spirits" - or by some unknown and subconscious mental influence on the part of the living - or by a combination of both?

Several other well-known researchers are also expected to attend.

The first symposium of the International Institute of Integral Human Sciences, held at Concordia University in March 1976, had attracted an unexpectedly large number of people.

This year's symposium will be coordinated with other events to be held in the Montreal area, including a conference on Science and the Soul at the Saidye Bronfman Centre on March 19 and 20.

Registration for the symposium is open now at the following weekend rates: regular: \$40 (members of the Association for Psychophysical and Psychospiritual Studies: \$35); students and senior citizens: \$30 (members of the Association: \$25); a discount of \$5 applies to all registration before February 11.

For registration or further information on the symposium, contact The International Institute of Integral Human Sciences, P.O. Box 1387, Station "H", Montreal, P.Q., H3G 2N3; or call (514) 879-8589.

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